

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

5       A striking tool comprising a head assembled to a handle having a  
long axis is characterized in that the head comprises a closed cavity  
extending into the head in the direction of the long axis, an opening through  
a wall of the head into the cavity, the opening extending at substantially a  
right angle to the long axis, and a spreading element inserted through the  
opening and spreading a portion of the handle within the cavity to urge  
10       against walls of the cavity to secure the head to the handle.